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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" It is not an insinuation. I am willing to make a statement that some private dealers resort to very underhand methods in order to escape taxation. In the bills of lading, names of firms are not given by private dealers but the names of persons who are their stooges are given so that they may escape taxation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I do not think it is unparliamentary. The hon. Member who put the question takes the responsibility for what he has stated."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The hon. Member has made a general sweeping statement that . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" But he takes the responsibility for what he has stated. I now pass on to the next question."

Padne Irrigation Scheme.

* 232 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Padne Irrigation Scheme in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken to commence the work?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The scheme has been dropped in view of its prohibitive cost and poor food value."

(* 233 *Q.*—Postponed to 14th December 1954.)

Assets and liabilities of the Madras City Improvement Trust.

* 234 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the assets and liabilities of the City Improvement Trust at present?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] of the assets and liabilities of the Madras City Improvement Trust is placed on the table of the House."

Amendment to the Constitution of India.

* 235 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the recommendations made by the State Government regarding amendments to the Constitution of India?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information, as it is of a confidential nature."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 815 infra.